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Applicants : Stevens et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment supersedes the Preliminary Amendment dated March 15, 2002 which accompanied the Application submitted that date.

In the Claims:

Please cancel, claims 1-37 and add claims 38- 46, as follows:

1. 38. A method of forming a lesion in heart tissue of a patient, comprising:
providing an electrophysiological ablating device comprising at least one electrode;
creating an opening in a patient's chest, the opening passing through the chest wall
and into the patient's thoracic cavity;
passing the electrode through the opening;
positioning the electrode adjacent to heart tissue; and

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